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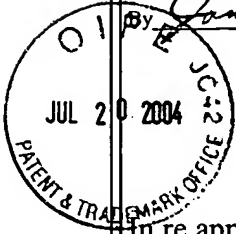
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

NOBUYUKI MATSUO, et al

Application No.: 10/033,658

Filed: December 27, 2001

For: MULTIPLE PIECE PLANET GEAR  
CARRIER FOR A BICYCLE HUB  
TRANSMISSION

) Examiner: D. Le

) Art Unit: 3681

) RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2004. A petition to extend time to respond and a request for continued examination accompanies this amendment. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.